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Dr. Brosnan:

I'm writing on behalf of NEAVS and our 78,000 supporters from across the country. It has come to our attention that Georgia State University has an elderly, arthritic rhesus macaque named Hank. He has lived alone in a cage since his companion developed cancer and was euthanized in 2014. After decades at GSU, Hank deserves freedom. We urge you to send him to a reputable primate sanctuary where he can live out the last of his days with space to roam and forage.

We recognize that Hank is not currently subject to objectively painful experiments, like many non-human primates in other universities. But despite only being used in minimally invasive behavioral experiments, Hank undoubtedly still languishes from living alone in a space measured in square feet instead of square acres. Seeing and smelling other monkeys in cages is not sufficient for these highly social animals. Your work in the field has undoubtedly proven the limitations of laboratories to fulfill monkeys' basic instincts and desires.

While we may disagree on the role of primates in research, I anticipate we can agree that after 37 years, Hank deserves the best possible end of life. NEAVS works with several accredited sanctuaries and would be happy to help with the transition. It may be that you are already looking into options to retire Hank or other monkeys at your facility. If so, we would like to know about the steps you're taking, and offer assistance where we can. If that's not the case, we look forward to hearing your intentions of retiring Hank. We look forward to your response by May 22nd.

Your time and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Amy Meyer  
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